GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of Project for Comprehensive Development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS for providing CC roads and drains in P.Sirigepalli, ST colony of Jammalamadugu (M) in YSR Kadapa District – Charges framed – Not proved in the inquiry report of SE, PR, YSR Kadapa & IA – Disagreement factors communicated - Explanation submitted – Examined and Rejected - Imposing a punishment of stoppage of one (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against Sri T.Gopal Das, the then DEE, V&QC SD, Jammalamdugu and presently working as DEE, PRI SD, Proddutur – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 357 Dated: 15-05-2025

Read the following:

1. Vigilance Report No.65 (C.No.40-6/V&E/E/2015) dated 25.07.2017 of DG, V&E.
2. G.O.Rt.No.436, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 15.05.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.440, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 15.05.2018.
4. Sri T.Gopal Das, the then DEE, V&QC SD, Jammalamdugu and presently working as DEE, PRI SD, Proddutur, WSD, dt.05.12.2018.
5. G.O.Rt.No.360, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.10.05.2019.
6. Letter No.Vig.(4)/837670/2017, dt.18.10.2023 of ENC, PR along with IR of IA&SE, PR, Kadapa, dt.10.09.2023.
7. Govt. Memo No.8213 (C.No.280651)/Vig.II/2017-5, dt.30.05.2024.
8. Sri T.Gopal Das, the then DEE, V&QC SD, Jammalamdugu and presently working as DEE,PRI SD, Proddutur, Representation, dt.nil.

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Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement in Vigilance Report 1st read above on the allegation of irregularities in execution of Project for Comprehensive Development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS for providing CC roads and drains in P.Sirigepalli, ST colony of Jammalamadugu (M) in YSR Kadapa District, Government, vide reference 2nd read above, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Proddutur and three (3) others under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. Accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, Government framed the following article of charge against Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Proddutur under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his written statement of defense:-

Charge:

That Sri T.Gopal Das, DEE, V&QC, SD, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa Dist. and now working on deputation at APTIDC, Vijayawada, Krishna Dist. has committed grave irregularities in execution of project for Comprehensive development of SC/ST Colonies under MGNREGS for "providing CC Roads and CC Drains P.Sirigepalli ST colony of Jammalamadugu Mandal" in YSR Kadapa Dist. and caused loss to the Government exchequer to a tune of Rs.6,33,447/- in as much as he:-

i. Failed to discharge his duties regarding assessment of quality by way of conducting core testing as per section 903.5.2.1 of MoRT&H and simply issued QC certificate stating that the measurements were tallying and mentioned in foot note that "the test results of CC cubes cast during execution are not submitted by the field officers for assessing the strength of CC pavement", resulting in payment for substandard quality of work, ultimately caused loss of Rs.6,33,447/- to the Government exchequer.

ii. ii. Being quality assurance staff, he has not insisted for mix design report.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defense and the same has been examined and found not convincing and decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 5th read above, Government appointed the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, as Inquiring Authority under Rule 20(2) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer, Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Proddutur and three (3) other co-charged officers involved in the case.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj has furnished inquiry report of the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa & Inquiring Authority to the Government for taking necessary action, wherein, the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Proddutur and three (3) other co-charged officers as not proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government have furnished copy of inquiry report, dt.10.09.2023 together with following disagreement factors as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly disagreeing with the findings of Inquiring Authority and treating the same as “held proved” to the charged officer, Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Proddutur with a direction to submit his representation, if any, within (10) days for taking further necessary action in the matter:-

i. The role of QC team is to inspect the work and to conduct tests on the road executed to ascertain quality of its execution. But, the QC team have failed to do so and they have simply issued QC certificate by mentioning under foot note duly evading their basic responsibility of conducting tests on the works.

ii. Further, in case the field engineers failed to produce relevant records then the QC team could have reported the matter to higher authorities fixing responsibility on the field engineers. But, they failed to do so. Hence, QC team are responsible.

6. In the reference 8th read above, Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Proddutur has submitted the representation and stated that that (i) the Chief Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control, Hyderabad in Memo, dt.09.06.2015 issued instructions for the purpose of core cutting of CC pavement Rs.1.00 lakh and instructed Engineers of Vigilance & Quality

Control in the State to engage private Agencies and prior to the above or ders, the Vigilance & Quality Control have not supplied or provided any equipment or apparat us for conducting field tests like cement concrete core tests etc. (ii) The field engineers normally produce the relevant records before the Quality Control team and because of end of Financial Year 31st, March and under much pressure the works were inspected and issued Quality Control certificates as per normal procedure, (iii) In a similar disciplinary case, Government dropped further action on similar charges, vide G.O.Rt.No.82, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept. dt.25.02.2022. Hence, the Charged Officer has requested the Government to exonerate him from the charges framed against him.

7. The Government have examined the matter and observed that recovering the amount of Rs.40,406/- for the CC component of works itself shows the substandard quality of work and lapses on charged officer part and the report submitted by the Inquiring Authority to accept the concrete with a lower grade of M20, instead of the specified M30 was treated as compliance with the findings of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement is not acceptable and the representation of the charged officer, Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Proddutur is not found convincing for the disagreement factors communicated to him. Therefore, the contention of the charged officer to exonerate him from the charge framed against him is not tenable.

8. After careful examination the matter, Government hereby impose a punishment of stoppage of one (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against the charged officer, Sri T.Gopal Das, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Proddutur under Rule 9(iv) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in this disciplinary matter.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada , is requested to take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Sri T.Gopal Das, the then DEE, V&QC SD, Jammalamdugu and presently working as DEE,PRI SD, Proddutur. **Through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada with a request to serve the same on the CO and furnish the acknowledgement copy to the Government.

Copy to:

The Secretary to VC, A.P.Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR, RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government,
The PR&RD Department.
SF/SC (280651).

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